

17 May 2020

Dear Families of Year 10,

I am sure as a parent you will be concerned regarding the education of your child over the past few weeks whilst the school has been closed and the UK has been in lockdown. I am not in a current position to comment on the media speculation regarding the return of year 10 to school in the final term of this year. There are no clear plans as yet as to what or how this will happen, but if this does change I will let you know as soon as we have a firm plan in place. The safety and wellbeing of our students has been paramount throughout this crisis and will continue to be in the future.

It is now as a school we must look at how best to prepare Year 10 students for their entry in to Year 11. It is unknown what the educational climate will look like in September but Year 10 will be our priority year group. The data collected from the last assessment will be out of date. Our plan will be to conduct a cycle 2 assessment immediately upon return in September to establish a baseline for all students. This will be in the sports hall under exam conditions. This assessment will be based on the knowledge gained up to March and we will focus on mastering this knowledge. It is the preparation for this assessment that we will need to work together over the next few months.

The plan for preparation is detailed below:

- All Year 10 students have been divided into smaller mentoring groups
- Each mentoring group will be supported by a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT)
- W/C 18th May all mentors will contact their students and parents to discuss this plan
- All subjects will email specific work for preparing for the assessment in September
- Students are to complete all work set and submit this work back the relevant teacher to assess the quality
- There will be 9 weeks of work to complete for each subject area your child is studying – each is just as important and all subjects will need completing.
- Weekly contact will be made to discuss progression and areas to improve
- Parents will need to check that the necessary work is being completed

As a school it is vital that the time we have left this year is not wasted and I would like to thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring that the work sent home has been completed so far.

Access to technology will be required and all students have been set up a Microsoft login so that they can reach the school network and all the resources needed. If any students is experiencing log in issues or you need a password reset request please email info@dixonska.com

Look after yourselves and your family, and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Kind regards

Richard Wilson
Principal

